



EXHIBIT 6 B0H
DATE 2-19-09
HB 603

TOM ROE & SON CONSTRUCTION INC.

February 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: HB 603 – Project Labor Agreements

It has come to our attention that HB 603 is currently before this committee. We view this bill as detrimental to our ability to compete on projects that may be funded with stimulus money or any other public projects that may become available in the future.

Tom Roe & Son Construction, Inc is a small family corporation which has been in business for over 40 years. We pride ourselves on doing quality projects at reasonable prices. Through the years we have employed from 10 to 20 people working on projects consisting of spring development for the local farmer (2 employees) to golf course construction- Old Works Project at Anaconda (20 + employees). We have consistently paid our employees high wages, provided profit sharing, 401k with matching, health insurance and various other benefits. During the past few years we have been able to keep our employees working full time throughout the winter. This year for the first time in over 10 years we have had to lay off employees due to lack of work. Our payroll in 2007 was approximately \$670,000.00 including profit sharing and in 2008 it is about \$610,000.00. As a small business, we provide core employment to our community, county and its tax base.

To restrict or limit our ability to bid on projects and be competitive due to Project Labor Agreements is not only short sighted but also detrimental to the project its' self. During this time of financial hardship and economic slowdown, please don't compromise our ability to do the very projects that allow us to provide jobs and health insurance to our employees and their families. Don't let this bill become a manifestation of how business will be done in Montana!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Melanie Roe'.

Melanie Roe

Tom Roe & Son Construction, Inc
Big Timber, Montana

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EXHIBIT 7 B6H
DATE 2-19-09
HB 608

Dear Representative _____

On February 19th you will be hearing HB 608 in committee. This bill is very important to local governments to ensure dangerous burned out buildings are demolished in a timely manner. This legislation is needed as in many areas of the state the cost of demolition exceeds the value of the property. In these areas owners of burned buildings simply take the insurance proceeds leaving a dangerous building to be dealt with by the local government.

This exact scenario has occurred at various times in Glendive within the last few years. In one instance the owner walked away with the insurance proceeds leaving the liability to the City of Glendive. This building posed a real health and safety problem for the City as kids were playing in the basement of this structure. Even so it took many years and as many trips to court to get permission for the City to demolish the building. Costs associated with the demolition of this structure far outweigh the value of property thus the City taxpayer was left to pay the costs of demolition.

HB 608 allows the local government to place a lien on the insurance proceeds until the property is cleaned up. This bill will help ensure property owners do not simply take the money and run as has been done so many times in the past. Local governments do not want this money but rather need this legislation as an incentive to get property owners to clean up their own property.

Similar legislation has been brought forward in every session since 2005 with strong Insurance industry opposition. The Insurance industry has been instructed by previous legislators to work with local governments to resolve this problem. To date the problem still exists. It is far past time to pass legislation to resolve this problem. We urge you to support HB 608.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jimison
Mayor, City of Glendive